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FOR BRITTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: THEODORE BRITTON VISIT

REF: PARIS 8799 (NOTAL); PARIS 8828 (NOTAL)

1. REGRET ABRUPT NATURE CAIRO 2054, WHICH I DID NOT SEE BEFORE DISPATCH. YOU SHOULD KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS, WE HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING HOTEL ROOM IN CAIRO. HOTEL SPACE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. WE HAVE HAD TO ADVISE DEPT OF STATE IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES THAT RESERVATIONS REQUIRE SEVERAL WEEKS' LEAD TIME. OUR PROBLEM IS COMPOUNDED BY FACT THAT SUEZ CANAL MINE CLEARING OPERATION IS GETTING UNDER WAY, WHICH INVOLVES ARRIVAL ADDITIONAL AUGMENTATION PERSONNEL AND COMMITS FULLY OUR LIMITED LOGISTIC AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES.

2. I EXPECT TO BE IN ALEXANDRIA APRIL13-15. HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH, YOU ARE WELCOME USE MODEST TWO-ROOM APARTMENT WHICH I MAINTAIN IN EMBASSY COMPOUND FOR USE WHEN CALLED DURING MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. MEALS WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN AT NEARBY NILE HILTON OR OTHER HOTEL. WILL ARRANGE TO HAVE EXPEDITER MEET YOU AT AIRPORT AND TAKE YOU TO APARTMENT. IF YOU WISH RENT VEHICLE WHILE HERE,
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PLEASE ADVISE AND WE WILL ARRANGE AHEAD OF TIME.

3. WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED COURTESY CALLS, TIMING OF YOUR VISIT IS NOT THE BEST. EASTER WEEKEND, COUPLED WITH MUSLIM HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, MEANS THAT MOST OFFICIALS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. WE MAY, HOWEVER, BE ABLE TO ARRANGE SOME MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 16, ALTHOUGH SHORT NOTICE WILL BE A PROBLEM.

4. PURSUANT YOUR REQUEST, WE HAVE RECONFIRMED ONWARD FLIGHT RESERVATIONS TO KUWAIT FOR APRIL 17.
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